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The Advertiser condenses all its departments this morning so as to give its readers a complete resume of the news of the world.

An attested copy of the Hawaiian Territorial Act brought from Washington by Hon. W. O. Smith, is included in this number of the Advertiser. Every one into whose hands it falls should preserve it for future reference.

The canal bill is not so sure after all. In the former Congress it passed the Senate and failed in the House. Now it has passed the House and may fail in the Senate. As usual after a canal bill tussle, the railroads turn up smiling.

Mr. Marshall interrupted the Democratic meeting, but he seemed to be welcome enough until he got on the subject of his law suit. As a Democrat he was a fair; as a defendant he did not carry the house. The Democracy is willing to take anybody's vote, but it has too much public kicking to do to give it much time or patience for private kicks.

The timeworn plea that the Republican party is made up of aristocrats was heard the other evening at Progress Hall. If the statement is true, then a handsome majority of American citizens, including the farmers who roll up the biggest Republican vote, are lordly idlers. We trust we may be pardoned for having a somewhat different conception of Americans than that.

No "private household property of the Kings and Queens of Hawaii" has been offered at public or private sale. The auction at the Drill Shed was of articles that were paid for by the taxable citizens of these Islands. To hold these goods in storage was to make them the spoil of vermin and moths; to sell them was to secure the preservation and care of interesting and historical relics. No infringements of private property and no discourtesy were permitted or intended.

Mr. McClanahan spoke of the Democratic party as one that has existed unchanged for one hundred years. It would have made the claim interesting if he had shown what relation the anti-expansion principles of the present party bear to the expansion principles of Thomas Jefferson; what the disunion principles of the Democracy of 1860 and 1864 had to do with the union principles of Andrew Jackson; and finally what the depreciated silver coin ideas of William J. Bryan have in common with the hard money ideas of both Jackson and Jefferson. Speaking of one hundred years of unaltered consistency, these are some texts which we hope the next Democratic speaker will not overlook.

SENATE PASSES ARMY BILL.

Measures Provides for Reorganization of Staff.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Today's session of the Senate was rendered especially notable by the passage, after debate lasting only three hours, of the Army reorganization bill. In military circles the measure is regarded as one of the most important of the present session. It practically revolutionizes the present staff arrangements of the Army. It proposes to change the present system of permanent appointments in certain staff corps to one of detail by a gradual process as the officers in those corps go out of active service. As vacancies occur in the department of the Adjutant General, the Inspector General, Quartermaster General and Commissary General, they are to be filled by details from the line, the details to be temporary and not to exceed four years.

The new system is not applied to the Corps of Engineers, Medical Department, Pay Department, or Judge Advocate General's Department. The bill discontinues the regimental organization of the artillery and establishes an artillery corps of two branches, viz.: 25 batteries of coast artillery and eighteen batteries of field artillery, with a total of 17,448 men. It provides for an increase of 100 in the corps of cadets at West Point, two at large from each State, and adds ten to the present number of twenty from the United States at large. The rank of the commanding General of the Army is raised to that of Lieutenant General, and that of the Adjutant General to Major General, the latter being during the incumbency of the present Adjutant General Corbin. The President is empowered to place on the retired list any officer who has been suspended from duty by sentence of court-martial, or by legislative order in mitigation of such sentence for a period extending to or within one year of his compulsory retirement, for age. This is well understood to apply to Commissary General Eagan.

An amendment creating a veterinary corps for the Army, consisting of a Colonel and thirty-five other commissioned officers was adopted. The fortification appropriation bill, carrying about \$5,500,000, was passed. Eagan delivered a speech in opposition to the increase in the Army proposed by the bill. He thought the people would regard it as a flank movement to advance the spirit of militarism. Cockrell of Missouri, an agonized vigorously the position of Eagan. He said the increased number of men was absolutely required to care for and man the artillery in the coast fortifications of the country. The bill as amended was passed without division.

PROFITS FOR GOOD WORKS.

Rev. Sheldon Distributes His Christian Capital Fund.

TOPEKA, Kas., May 9.—Rev. C. M. Sheldon received \$5,000 from the profits of the Christian Daily Capital. One thousand goes to Indian famine sufferers and the balance is distributed as follows: City Detention Hospital, \$1,000; for contagious diseases ward, Christ's Hospital, \$1,000; Washburn College, \$500; Topeka Young Men's Christian Association, \$500; for public drinking fountain, \$500; Kindergarten Association, \$100; Young Women's Christian Association, \$100; Women's Christian Temperance Union, \$100; Ingleside Home, \$100; State Temperance Union, \$100; Anti-Cigarette League, \$50.

TELEGRAMS CONDENSED.

News of Coast Files Abbreviated for Quick Reading.

Mark Hanna opposes the canal bill. Arica, Chile, may be declared a free port.

Columbian rebels have bought a torpedo boat. Turkey is patching up her old warships.

Sweden continues its search for Andree relics. Five million people are receiving aid in India.

Pauline Hall, the actress, wants a divorce. Otis sailed from Manila on the 5th instant.

The Shah will take his favorite wife to Europe. G. Merritt and wife have sailed for Europe.

Actor Henry Miller loses a toe by an operation. Admiral Dewey received an ovation at St. Louis.

Dewey received a great welcome in Tennessee. Corbett and Jeffries are to fight at Co. Island.

The British garrison at Coomassie is in sore straits. Munkacsy was buried with great pomp at Budapest.

Gold has been found in the beds of Alaska lakes. The Philadelphia carpenters' strike is a serious one.

Ex-Congressman D. B. Culberson of Texas is dead. Sharkey defeated Choyinski at Chicago in two rounds.

It is reported that Jack Mason will wed Kathryn Kidder. Coffee interests suffer by the revolution in Colombia.

Great crowds cheered Dewey at the St. Louis celebration. Sandown, British Columbia, has been wiped out by fire.

The President has signed the Grand Army pension bill. Shively of Indiana is willing to be Bryan's running-mate.

Charles S. Towne says he will take second place with Bryan. The Paris Patrie predicts strife between America and Germany.

The Kaiser may assume the rank of Field Marshal General. Canadian authorities order out soldiery to repress the Fenians.

St. Louis cheers Admiral Dewey and wife during their visit. Captain Thomas Mein, a California mining expert, is dead.

Hon. Wm. C. Endicott, Cleveland's Secretary of War, is dead. Russians and Chinese have had several collisions in Manchuria.

Nebraska, Kansas and Texas have been swept by tornadoes. House of Lords will investigate Earl Russell's alleged bigamy.

New charts of American insular possessions are being prepared. Wreckage creates the fear that a big Arica line has been founded.

Benjamin F. Douglas, founder of the R. G. Dun Company, is dead. Bulgarian peasants are in revolt and have seized a garrisoned town.

Benjamin Harrison will be a delegate to the National Democratic Convention. The House passed an inquiry resolution about Japanese immigration.

Colonel Leander Dyer, a prominent G. A. R. man of St. Louis, is being floated off. Unitarian women of the Pacific Coast held a conference some days ago.

Upon the early retirement of Merritt, Otis will become a Major General. C. B. Andrews has been named postmaster at the Presidio, California.

Virginia Calhoun, the California actress, has made a hit in New York. The steamer Victorian went aground at Point Wilson, but was floated off.

There was an attempt on May 6 to assassinate the President of Ecuador. The American ship St. John was destroyed at sea by fire on February 25.

The Japanese claim the sole right to own land in their Korean settlements. Mrs. James Brown Potter will not resist her husband's divorce proceedings.

Only 5,000 men are added to the United States Army by the reorganization bill. Earl Russell is in England not worried over threats of arrest for bigamy.

Mount Lassen, a volcano in Northern California, is reported to be active again. The big Mallory line pier at New York costing a million dollars, has been burned.

British tourists were nearly killed by descending showers of stones from Vesuvius. The Prince of Wales now uses opera glasses to identify guests at a big banquet.

The number of commissary sergeants in the army will be increased from 165 to 200. The will of Eugene Cruger, a wealthy American who died in Paris, is being contested.

Extensive embezzlements by United States postal officials at Havana are reported. Iowa Democrats select delegates for the convention, instructing them to vote for Bryan.

Mrs. Catharine Lathrop, once a famous Washington beauty, is a raving maniac. Scores of Chinese are to be deported from San Francisco by Port Collector Jackson.

James Brown Potter will fight the application for divorce brought by her husband. Thomas L. Carson, founder of Carson City, Nevada, will bet \$100,000 that Bryan will win.

A postmaster has been appointed at Catalina Island, Cal., at an annual salary of \$1. The British West Indian regiment will go to the gold coast to deal with the Ashantes.

Fanny Ward, the actress, has married Diamond Joe Lewis, the South African millionaire. It is announced in Washington that Minister Strauss will not return to Constantinople.

Attendance at the Paris Exposition was for one week on an average of but \$3,000 daily. A scouting party of Americans was surrounded in Panay by Filipinos; losses, sixteen men.

Frank Bergen of Elizabeth, N. J., has declined an appointment as Chief Justice of Porto Rico. A strange race of beings little above apes has been discovered in the heart of Africa.

The brothers Rockefeller have quarreled and Frank has left the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. Standard Oil Company employees of the increase of wages.

The permanent staff of Yerkes Observatory will view the total eclipse from Wadsworth, N. C. The United States has a soft-nosed projectile that will pierce Krupp armor or any other kind.

Three thousand Chinese have attacked Wei-hai-wei and been beaten off by a small British force. William Glover Gage has been appointed commissioner on the Chilean Claims Commission.

The military force in India may be reduced and £2,000,000 saved for the relief of famine sufferers. Marinduque Island, off the south coast of Luzon, has been quietly occupied by the American troops.

Salisbury's reference to Ireland in his Primrose League speech is regarded as peculiarly infelicitous. West Australia gold fields petition for political separation from other West Australian settlements.

There was a great celebration in Berlin over the attainment by the Crown Prince of his majority. The Great Northern railroad has rewarded faithful employees by selling them stock far below value.

The Concord and Bennington will be put temporarily at the service of the California Naval Militia. The attempt to shorten the Naval cadets' course failed in the Senate. It will continue to be six years.

Aguinaldo has disappeared and is organizing a force in Northern Luzon. General Young is in pursuit. American loss in the Philippines for the month of April was thirteen killed and twenty-seven wounded.

The United States, with the assent of Mexico, will establish a coaling station at La Paz, Lower California. Oakland won the Bay County Meet in the first field day of the new athletic league at Berkeley, California.

Horatio Sprague, nephew of wealthy Benjamin Oxnard of California, was killed in a sugar mill in Louisiana. The Southern Pacific Railroad put in

no testimony in the San Joaquin Valley rate dispute and the railroad's defense has utterly collapsed. A Canadian mountaineer, pretending to own a rich mining claim, has secured thousands of dollars for nothing.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, the actress, has been presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales and other royalties. Captain John Betts is dead in New York. He commanded the transport Knickerbocker in the Spanish war.

A new French shell which will envelop the enemy's guns in smoke will be supplied to the French army and navy. The Russian Government denies Promoter Hooley's statement that the Czar has given him a gold-field concession.

Sacramento has secured the June State convention of Democrats for the election delegates to the national convention. The Massachusetts Legislature decided they would make the payment of indemnity to foreigners a separate question.

Russia has strengthened her Asiatic squadron, and the Mediterranean and Black Sea fleets will be further drawn upon. The City Council of Atlanta, Ga., has asked Mayor James C. Woodward to resign because of his offensive personal habits.

If a break between America and The Porte checks our interests in Turkey may be turned over to the care of the German Government. Officers of the Gerry Society in New York declare that the murder of children for mummy life insurance sums is a common practice.

Former Vice Consul Wildman says the Filipino insurgents are far from conquered and that they are inaugurating a reign of terror. An Illinois dentist is suing the Fraternal Tribunes for permanent disability due to an electric shock received at an initiation ceremony.

The wedding preparations of Miss Mary Crocker of San Francisco are under way for her marriage on June 7 to Mrs. Burton Harrison's son. An American, alleged to have robbed a Canadian blacksmith, has been sentenced, in Vancouver, B. C., to fourteen years' imprisonment.

W. J. Charlton, former treasurer of the John Barrett Company, Portland, Oregon, plumbers, tried to kill Mrs. May Farrell, and committed suicide. Chas. Ingerson, defaulting County Treasurer of Ithaca, N. Y., recaptured in California, was sentenced to four years in State prison and a fine of \$5,000.

India is in the grip of famine and plague. Relief measures are said to be totally inadequate. Ninety-three million persons are in the stricken district. Chicago railway men are trying to lessen the prejudice against riding on Sunday by holding services on trains. Dining cars will be converted into chapels.

The Populists, at their Sioux Falls convention, nominated Bryan and Towne. The Middle-of-the-Road Populists, at Cincinnati, nominated Barker and Donnelly. A Chicago girl, Miss Maybelle Swift, is to marry Clarence Moore, one of the owners of the Philadelphia Times. She was once engaged to Prince Alexis of Serbia.

A Los Angeles woman, Mrs. Lizzie Woznercraft, was killed by a shock of electricity that came through a trolley pole. The husband escaped with a severe shock. The Havana postal frauds show a startling money shortage. About \$11,000 worth of stamps that had been ordered destroyed were never burned but made use of by embezzlers.

Recent German army maneuvers before Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria were most satisfactory. Remarkable accuracy of artillery fire was demonstrated. Harry Gillig, among others, was recently heavily nipped in an asphaltum stock deal. The stock was tumbled onto them, and heavy assessments followed after they became possessors.

Former Brigadier General H. G. Otis of the Los Angeles Times has figured in an assault and battery case, preferred by W. R. Ream, a reporter, who says the ex-General struck him with a Cuban machete. Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland and Richard Olney will be among the President's selections for the jurists representing the United States on the permanent board of arbitration provided for by the Hague treaties.

The United Fruit Company is going to immediately expend over \$500,000 on its sugar plantations in Cuba. The output, which is expected to be 1,000 barrels a day, will, it is said, revolutionize the sugar industry of the West Indies. The Pennsylvania railroad is planning to run its trains to Montauk Point, Long Island, meet the Atlantic steamers there, saving eight hours, and taking west-bound passengers directly to their destinations via a tunnel under New York bay at the Narrows.

Illinois Republicans have named the following State ticket: For Governor, Richard Yates of Jacksonville, for Lieutenant Governor, William A. Northcott of Bond county; for Secretary of State, James A. Rose of Pope county; for Auditor of State, James S. McCullough of Champaign; for State Treasurer, M. O. Williamson of Galesburg; for Attorney General, Howard J. Hamlin of Shelbyville.

TRANSVAAL NOTES.

The Minor News of the Coast Files Itemized.

Germany sent no note to Krueger. Marlborough has been invaded home. Roberts finds that Boer farm houses are veritable arsenals.

It is rumored in Washington that the Transvaal will sue for peace. The Boer Government denies that it is planning to destroy the mines. Steyn says the Boers will fight at the Vaal, in Pretoria and in the mountains.

A burgheress has asked Krueger's permission to form a fighting corps of women. Blankets, clothing and beef have been declared contraband at Lourenco Marques. Col. Kekewich's report pays a high tribute to Cecil Rhodes' conduct at Kimberley.

Roberts destroys farm houses where arms are found and puts the men under arrest. Members of the House of Commons predicted the capture of Pretoria in two months. The returning Ladysmith naval contingent was received with great enthusiasm in London.

Queen Victoria will send a signed photograph to Colonel Kekewich, the hero of Kimberley. The Boer commander at Mafeking fears he may be cut off and wants to raise the siege.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener personally directed the artillery in the Vet river engagement. The Boers have moved their headquarters to Tlatla, a N'Chu district from Ladybrand to Glocloen.

Six thousand four hundred and fifty-eight troops are now at sea on the way to South Africa. No others are under orders to go except as recruits to fill up the losses of regiments at the front.

The Parliamentary Secretary for the War Office, Mr. Wyndham, informs the Associated Press that the War Office has no information tending to confirm the reports of an alleged plot to assassinate Lord Roberts.

The people living on St. Helena ran up the provisions they had to famine prices when the prisoners came, but the British Government took measures against a corner in the food supply by sending in a large quantity of stores.

The Standard hears that information has been officially received of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts; that the latter has been warned, and that telegrams are now passing between the Cape authorities on the subject.

While the British captain, Balfour, was negotiating with the Landrost for the surrender of Winburg, General Botha himself, misunderstanding the envoy's language, threatened to shoot him, but the Landrost rightly interpreting the words and perceiving that the British were in a position to bombard the town, decided to surrender. General Botha then retired. The town contained a large stock of ammunition and grain.

A. C. Holmes of Walton, N. Y., whose wife died a few months ago, advertised for another spouse, specifying that No. 2 must be content to wear "a lot of nice clothes" left by No. 1.

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